Our Negro and Indian Missions
1925-35

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To the Right Reverend, Very Reverend,
and Reverend Pastors:—

It has been suggested that the Annual Report of the Mission Work among the Negroes and Indians, heretofore sent to all the Priests of the United States before the annual collection on the First Sunday of Lent, be distributed also to such members among the Laity as might make a special contribution. Kindly notify the undersigned if you are willing to make such a distribution of the report and indicate the number that would be required. The type will be kept in form until March 15th, so that all applications for extra copies should be made before that date.

Respectfully yours in Our Lord,

E. R. Dyer, *Secretary.*

MISSION WORK

AMONG THE

Negroes and the Indians

JANUARY 1925

Members of the Commission Charged with Distributing the Fund:

HIS EMINENCE DENNIS CARDINAL DOUGHERTY,
Archbishop of Philadelphia.

HIS EMINENCE PATRICK CARDINAL HAYES,
Archbishop of New York.

MOST REV. MICHAEL J. CURLEY, D.D.,
Archbishop of Baltimore.

RULES GOVERNING APPLICATIONS FOR A SHARE IN THE MISSION FUNDS

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1. All remittances and communications concerning the business of the Commission should be addressed to the Secretary, Very Rev. E. R. Dyer, S.S., D.D., St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

2. The Commission will consider only such applications as are received through the Most Rev. and Rt. Rev. Ordinaries, and will put at their disposal whatever allocations may be made for the work under their charge.

3. It will always be taken as a matter of course that a mission which does not apply for assistance, does not expect a share of the funds. Application must be made every time an appropriation is desired.

4. Those who ask for a share of the funds are respectfully requested to state as precisely as possible the amounts required for carrying out the various projects they propose to realize during the coming year.

5. The Commission also expects a detailed statement as to the amount devoted to each of the mission interests in a Diocese which receives an allowance. Only upon the receipt of such information can a new appropriation be made. The statements will be published in the next annual report.

By order of His Eminence, DENNIS CARDINAL DOUGHERTY.

E. R. DYER, S.S., D.D., *Secretary,*
St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

AN APPEAL

IN BEHALF OF THE

NEGRO AND INDIAN MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

It is our privilege at the beginning of Lent each year to direct your attention to a portion of the mission field which lies within the confines of our own country,—namely, to the work of the Negro and Indian Missions.

THE INDIANS

At the present time there are in this country over one half million of Catholic Indians, most of them of the poorer classes. Money is necessary to support the missions upon which these poor people depend, not to speak of efforts to spread the Gospel among the remaining half million in the dioceses receiving aid of us. The most touching appeals come to us from far-off Alaska, from the vast spaces of the North-West and from the dioceses adjacent to the Mexican border. Not only in the cities but hidden away in remote reservations miles from railways, there are sisters and priests laboring heroically against great odds, spending themselves to keep alive the faith and striving to extend the area of Catholic influence. The Indians once fairly instructed treasure the faith and in most cases remain loyal to the Church. These poor people are worth saving and surely the courageous missionaries should be able to count on our support.

THE NEGROES

When we turn our eyes to the condition among the Negroes, we see a population of over 10,000,000 of whom hardly four out of a hundred are Catholics. Nor is this due to indifference on the part of the people, for the Negro is by nature religious-minded. The Bishops of the Southern States inform us that once a school is opened it is immediately filled and hundreds are turned away for lack of means. The churches too are well attended and several new ones have been opened within the past year. Indeed the work among the Negroes has been most gratifying in spite of opposition stirred up here and there by the Klan. Troublesome factors are encountered in silent opposition and prejudice and in the migration of the Negro northwards adding to the burden of parish support for those

remaining at home. Regarding his priests and sisters one Southern bishop writes thus:

"Because they have chosen the Colored people for their mission, they naturally are grieved to see so many of their spiritual brethren dying of spiritual starvation. Yet as they know that 'the ways of God are unsearchable,' they are not despondent that they are able to do so little where there is so much to be done. They realize that after all they are but pioneers preparing the way for those who will come after them."

THE SCHOOLS.

The problem of providing educational facilities among both Negroes and Indians deserves special mention. To esetablish permanently a mission it is necessary to found a school. The number at present is entirely inadequate and in point of equipment the existing schools offer a decided contrast to the fully equipped up-to-date nonsectarian and state schools nearby. Salaried lay teachers must be pressed into service to take their place beside the sisters all too few in numbers; this constitutes a costly item. From a few instances the true situation may be gleaned.

Within a short distance of our National Capital the sisters must travel twenty miles a day to attend school. From a Virginia city a priest writes that in September of the present school year 815 children were enrolled at his school and 215 were turned away. That most of the children in such schools become Catholics and bring a goodly percentage of their parents into the Church, when a priest is able to attend solely to this phase of the work, is a fact practical experience has demonstrated. But when there is but one priest who must start out each day begging to finance such a work something must suffer. "We are," one priest writes, "but scratching the surface with broken tools. We are overwhelmed by the enormity of the task confronting us and plead most earnestly for your assistance."

From Texas a bishop writes that in his episcopal city alone he has 60,000 people of Indian origin, and that while the sects are moving Heaven and earth to pervert them, hardly any outside help comes in to counteract the continued proselytism. In another Texas city an institution, the sixth of its kind, was erected recently at a cost of $200,000 by the Baptists for the poor people. Fifty per cent. of the children thus educated come out confirmed Protestants.

On the other hand commendable progress has been made along educational linese. We are glad to note that the number of elementary schools has been augmented by a small margin at least, and that several high schools are carrying on the good work. We are especially pleased to note that the Cardinal Gibbons Institute in Southern

Maryland has begun its work and promises in time to rival the few Colored non-sectarian institutions to which the Negro now turns to secure a more advanced education.

To supply the priests for the missions among the Colored three seminaries are in operation. The Fathers of the Society of St. Joseph are building a new Preparatory Seminary at Newburg on the Hudson. At present these fathers are educating 134 students exclusively for Colored work. The Fathers of the Divine Word are engaged in the work of educating Colored boys for the priesthood in Mississippi. The Lyonnese Fathers of the African Mission have also made a modest beginning in the way of a seminary at Tenafly, N. J.

We beseech you, therefore, dearest brethren, to give more than your usual offering this year to this most worthy work. In the name of Him who shed His blood to save us all, we ask you to remember the work of the Negro and Indian Missions by your prayers and offerings.

✠ Dennis Cardinal Dougherty,
Archbishop of Philadelphia.

✠ Patrick Cardinal Hayes,
Archbishop of New York.

✠ Michael J. Curley,
Archbishop of Baltimore.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From January 1st to December 31st 1924.

RECEIPTS

Archdiocese of Baltimore	$8,192.50
" " Donation of a Friend who does not wish name mentioned	5.00
" Boston	12,862.11
" Chicago	10,000.00
" Cincinnati	2,700.00
" Dubuque	3,000.00
" Milwaukee	6,000.00
" New Orleans	3,278.80
" New York	7,000.00
" Oregon City	802.48
" Philadelphia	22,623.36
" St. Louis	5,152.41
" St. Paul	1,750.00
" " Donation of Rev. Maurice Casey, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.00
" San Francisco	
" Santa Fe	599.78
Diocese of Albany	4,951.00
" Alexandria	418.00
" Altoona	4,852.79
" Baker City	300.00
" Belleville	1,600.00
" Bismarck	215.00
" Boise	798.74
" Brooklyn	15,000.00
" Buffalo	3,250.00
" Burlington	2,700.00
" Charleston	361.39
" Cheyenne	238.16
" Cleveland	11,586.31
" Columbus	1,216.95
" Concordia	1,018.27
" Corpus Christi	805.41
" Covington	861.40
" " Bequest of Reverend William Hinssen, through Right Reverend Bishop Howard	3,001.51
" Crookston	76.00
" Dallas	766.50
" Davenport	800.00
" Denver	900.00
" Des Moines	700.00
" Detroit	3,725.00
" Duluth	400.00
" El Paso	

Diocese of Erie		1,500.00
"	" Bequest of Mr. Anton Beer, through Rev. Carl L. Heidt	350.00
"	Fall River	1,800.00
"	Fargo	200.00
"	Fort Wayne	5,041.13
"	Galveston	907.41
"	Grand Island	426.93
"	Grand Rapids	1,000.00
"	Great Falls	203.00
"	Green Bay	1,200.00
"	Harrisburg	1,400.00
"	Hartford	5,261.12
"	Helena	473.44
"	Indianapolis	3,065.97
"	Kansas City	1,100.00
"	La Crosse	800.00
"	" Special from members of St. Patrick's Parish, Mauston, Wis.	500.00
"	Lafayette	738.23
"	Lead	121.25
"	Leavenworth	1,571.00
"	Lincoln	1,000.00
"	Little Rock	613.20
"	Los Angeles and San Diego	2,100.00
"	" Donation of a Friend through Rev. Patrick J. Hennessy, Gilroy, Cal.	100.00
"	Louisville	4,293.70
"	Manchester	2,200.00
"	Marquette	700.00
"	Mobile	960.56
"	Monterey-Fresno	
"	Nashville	578.10
"	Natchez	293.52
"	Newark	6,529.50
"	Ogdensburg	2,084.58
"	Oklahoma	665.36
"	Omaha	1,594.80
"	" Donation through Rev. H. A. Zwiesler, Humphries, Nebraska	17.00
"	Peoria	2,980.52
"	Pittsburgh	14,476.84
"	Portland	
"	Providence	3,500.00
"	Richmond	1,240.32
"	Rochester	4,271.99
"	Rockford	800.00
"	St. Augustine	1,115.59
"	St. Cloud	1,485.62
"	" Bequest of F. X. Philippe, St. Joseph, Minn.	1,000.00
"	St. Joseph	1,930.27
"	Sacramento	1,190.19
"	Salt Lake	206.29
"	San Antonio	1,509.46
"	Savannah	671.07
"	Scranton, 1919-1924	10,000.00
"	Seattle	1,000.00

Diocese of Sioux City		1,400.00
" Sioux Falls		1,000.00
" Spokane		274.63
" Springfield, 1922-1924		6,100.00
" Springfield in Illinois		2,629.44
" Superior		589.44
" Syracuse		1,425.00
" Toledo		6,120.86
" Trenton		1,750.00
" " Interest on Doris Estate, 1922-1923, through Rt. Rev. Bishop Walsh		1,667.34
" Tucson		802.34
" Wheeling		2,367.23
" Wichita		801.53
" Winona, 1922-1923		1,500.00
" Wilmington		1,275.00
Vicariate Apostolic of Alaska		50.00
Vicariate Apostolic of North Carolina		210.35
Annual Lenten Collection for 1924		$273,241.99
Interest on Deposits	$1,793.21	
Catholic Indian Bureau—Special appropriations and contributions for the Indian Schools through the Catholic Indian Bureau, Washington, D. C.:		
Mother M. Katharine Drexel for Indian Schools	$39,862.35	
Indian Tribal Funds	152,516.22	
Marquette League	1,693.33	
Rental, St. Patrick's School, Anadarko, Oklahoma	1,500.00	
		$197,365.11
Total Receipts for 1924		$470,607.10
Balance reported January 1st, 1924		940.19
		$471,547.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Archdiocese of Baltimore	$4,300.00
" " Special	4,000.00
" New Orleans	6,000.00
" " Special	2,000.00
" New York	3,600.00
" Oregon City	1,000.00
" Philadelphia	2,500.00
" St. Louis	1,700.00
" Santa Fe	1,500.00
Diocese of Alexandria	1,500.00
" " Special	1,500.00
" Baker City	1,500.00
" Belleville	1,000.00
" " Special	1,500.00
" Bismarck	1,500.00

Diocese of	Boise	1,500.00
"	" Special	2,000.00
"	Buffalo	1,500.00
"	Cap-Haitien, Haiti	2,500.00
"	" " Special	2,500.00
"	Charleston	5,000.00
"	Cleveland	2,000.00
"	Corpus Christi	5,000.00
"	" Special	6,500.00
"	Covington	800.00
"	Crookston	2,000.00
"	" Special	500.00
"	Dallas	1,200.00
"	Detroit	1,200.00
"	Duluth	1,500.00
"	" Special	1,000.00
"	Fargo, (1923 Appropriation)	1,200.00
"	" (1924 Appropriation)	1,200.00
"	Galveston	3,000.00
"	" Special	1,500.00
"	Great Falls	1,000.00
"	Grand Rapids	900.00
"	Helena	1,800.00
"	" Special	10,000.00
"	Indianapolis	1,200.00
"	Kansas City	1,250.00
"	Lafayette	3,500.00
"	" Special	3,000.00
"	Lead	3,500.00
"	" Special	500.00
"	Leavenworth	2,000.00
"	Little Rock	2,000.00
"	Los Angeles	2,000.00
"	" Special	1,500.00
"	Louisville	4,000.00
"	Marquette	1,400.00
"	" Special	1,000.00
"	Mobile	5,000.00
"	Nashville	2,500.00
"	Natchez	6,000.00
"	Nueva Segovia—Bontoc, P. I.	5,000.00
"	" Special	3,000.00
"	Ogdensburg	100.00
"	Oklahoma	800.00
"	Omaha	1,000.00
"	" Special	500.00
"	Richmond	6,000.00
"	" Special	4,000.00
"	St. Augustine	5,000.00
"	" Special	1,500.00
"	San Antonio	2,100.00
"	" Special	4,000.00
"	Savannah, Very Rev. I. Lissner	6,000.00
"	" Special	1,000.00
"	Seattle	5,000.00
"	Spokane	2,000.00
"	" Special	1,000.00
"	Superior	1,500.00

Diocese of Tucson		1,000.00
" " Special		3,000.00
" Wilmington		1,000.00
Vicariate Apostolic of Alaska		3,000.00
" " " Special		5,000.00
" " Guam		2,000.00
" " North Carolina		2,500.00
St. Joseph's Seminary and Epiphany College, Baltimore, for formation of priests devoted to the missions among the Colored people		6,000.00
Fathers of the Society of St. Joseph towards the new College at Newburgh, N. Y.		10,000.00
Divine Word Fathers for St. Augustine's Mission House, Colored Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi		5,000.00
Total appropriations for 1924		$220,750.00
EXPENSES:		
Office and Printing Expenses		2,107.38
Catholic Indian Bureau:		
Office Expenses	$5,300.00	
Transferred from Negro and Indian Mission funds	32,500.00	
Special appropriations and contributions for the Indian Schools through the Catholic Indian Bureau, Washington, D. C.:		
Mother M. Katharine Drexel for Indian Schools	39,862.35	
Indian Tribal Funds	152,516.22	
Marquette League	1,693.33	
Rental, St. Patrick's School Anadarko, Okla.	1,500.00	
		$233,371.90
Total Disbursements for 1924		$456,229.28
Balance on hand, January 1st, 1925 N. B.		15,318.01
		$471,547.29

N. B.—Of the $15,318.01, balance on hand, $14,000.00 are retained for a conditional special purpose, leaving $1,318.01 as the available balance.

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From January 1st to December 31st 1924.

RECEIPTS.

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Indian Tribal Funds	$152,516.22	
Transferred from Negro and Indian Mission Funds	32,500.00	
Marquette League	1,693.33	
Rental, St. Patrick's School, Anadarko, Okla	1,500.00	
Catholic Indian Bureau Expenses	5,300.00	
Interest on Deposits	102.51	
		$193,612.06
Receipts for 1924		$233,474.41
Balance reported January 1st, 1924		11,841.52
Total receipts		$245,315.93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Indian Schools	$227,827.90	
Catholic Indian Bureau Expenses	5,300.00	
Office expenses	225.00	
		$233,352.90
Balance on hand January 1st, 1925		*$11,963.03

* Balance held to be added to the contributions of The Preservation Society and Marquette League in order to pay the Indian Schools for the quarters ending March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st 1925. It has often happened in past years that these appropriations to the Schools could not be met at the time that they were due. The Schools therefore had to contract debts which could be liquidated only when the next year's appropriation was made, and they had to look forward to repeating the same process the following year.

A bequest of $4,687.02 was made in 1912 by Mr. James Mahoney, of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California, to be held in trust by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the proceeds of which are to be divided equally between the Missions among the Indians and the Missions among the Negroes.

Dioceses or Vicariates Apostolic	Negro Pop'lation	Catholic Negroes	Churches	Priests	Baptisms		Schools	Pupils	Sisterhoods	Institutions
					Children	Adults				
St. Joseph's Society		48,729*	65	76	1,705	504	56	9,648	154 Sisters from 10 Communities	St. Joseph's Seminary & Epiphany College. Balto St. Joseph's Industrial School, Clayton, Del., St. Joseph's Home, Wilmington, Del.
Alexandria	300,000	5,589	6	5	245 Neg 115 Mex	11	9	1,111	Sisters of Divine Providence, Daughters of the Cross	
Baltimore	240,000	24,373	13	19	1,032	180	14	2,572	Good Shepherd, Franciscan, Oblates, Notre Dame, Mission Helpers	St. Elizabeth's; St. Frances' Orphanage; St. Frances' Convent and Industrial School; G. Shepherd: St. Peter Claver's; Mis. Helpers
Belleville	30,000	100	1	1	14	18	1	100	Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament	
Buffalo		300	1	1						
Cap-Haitien			31	40	Total	13,000	31	4,000	Sisters of St. Joseph	
Charleston	700,000	1,000	2	2	30	15	4	559	Oblate Sisters of Providence	Old Folks' Home (City Hospital and Colored Hospital)
Cleveland			1	1						
Covington	80,000	109	1	1			1	52	Sisters of Charity of Nazareth	
Dallas	250,000	200	1	1	9	19	1	268	Sisters of the Holy Ghost	
Detroit	85,000	500	1	1	19	6				
Galveston	83,800	5,800	5	5	246	33	5	892	Holy Family; Blessed Sacrament	
Indianapolis			1	1	14	6	1	75	Sisters of St. Francis	
Kansas City			1	1	8	15	1	200	Sisters of St. Francis	
Lafayette	100,000	40,000	7	12	1,958	54	14	2,984	Holy Family Sisters; Ladies of Sacred Heart Mercy: Holy Ghost; Blessed Sacrament	Guardian Angel's Home; House of Providence
Leavenworth			2	2	23	12	2	203	Sisters of Providence; Oblate Sisters	Good Shepherd Home
Little Rock	450,000	600	3	3	26	12	4	730	Holy Cross; Holy Ghost; Mercy	Orphanage for Colored Girls
Louisville	50,000	1,560	3	4			6		Good Shepherd Sisters	
Mobile	947,953	5,122	17	10	(Total	288)	16	1,450	Holy Ghost, Mercy; Holy Family; Blessed Sacrament	Providence Infirmary; St. Edward's Hospital; St. Vincent's Hospital; Wards in 6 Hospitals
Nashville	450,738	600	3	3	17	10	3	236	Blessed Sac.; Charity; Dominicans	
Natchez	935,184	3,033	17	15	129	67	15	1,807	Belgian Canonesses; Blessed Sacrament; Servants of Holy Ghost	St. Augustine's Mission House, Bay St. Louis Tekakwitha House, Tucker, Miss.
New Orleans										
New York	295,000	12,800	12	12	399	186	14	1,465	Bl. Sacrament; Heart of Mary; Charity; Colored Sisters; Holy Souls; Assumption; Dom. of Sick Poor	St Benedict's Home; Helpers of Holy Souls; Assumption Sisters; Dom. Sisters of Sick Poor; Lincoln Hospital and Home
Oklahoma	60,000	800	4							
Omaha	13,000	200	1	1	15	15	1	40	Sisters of Mercy	
Philadelphia		2,730	3	7	94	88	3	431	Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; Notre Dame; Good Shepherd	St. Magdalen's Asylum; Holy Providence House
Richmond	700,000	1,239	6	6	59	97	4	1,637	Franciscans; Oblates; Bl. Sacrament	Rock Castle Belmead; Boys' Institute. Girls' Institute
St. Augustine	300,000	2,000	3	2			6	624	Sisters of St. Joseph, Holy Name	
St. Louis	150,000	15,000	2	2	101	149	1	290	Bl. Sacrament; Oblate Sisters	St. Francis Colored Orphanage
San Antonio		500	3	2	9	14	4	555	Holy Ghost; Holy Family	
Savannah	1,180,000	1,284	6	13	46	168	9	1,711	Franciscans, Colored Sisters, Blessed Sacrament	Two Orphanages; St. Frances' Home; Novitiate for Colored Sisters; St. Peter Claver's Industrial School. Clayton; Home, Wilmington
Wilmington		700	2	3	18	32	3	218	Franciscan Sisters	

N. B.—The statements which follow concerning the conditions of the missions are taken from the reports sent in by the diocesan Ordinaries in 1924, in view of the distribution of the funds to take place that year.

The financial statements submitted by each diocese refer to the receipts and disbursements of the preceding year, 1923.

Mission Work Among the Negroes

JOSEPHITE FATHERS.

Amount appropriated		$6,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		10,000.00
		$16,000.00
Disbursements:		
St. Joseph's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.	$3,000.00	
Epiphany Apostolic College, Baltimore, Md.	3,000.00	
Special for new college, Newburgh, N. Y.	10,000.00	
	$16,000.00	
Total disbursements		$16,000.00

Very Reverend Louis B. Pastorelli, S.S.J., submits the following survey of the Josephite Missions for the past year:

"During 1923 the results of our labors toward the further development and expansion of our work on the Colored Missions was most marked, and apparently, signally blessed.

"One new parish of about 2,500 souls was formed (and the church has already been dedicated) in Washington, D. C. Property for another, our third parish in this city, has been secured, and a priest appointed to take charge. The first building of this plant will be a combination church-school.

"In Louisiana a new mission was opened at Thibodeux. A frame combination church and school building, with a rectory nearby, has already been erected. The services of dedication were held at the beginning of the year. A school had been opened at a local hall during the previous September.

"At Breaux Bridge, La., property for another new mission was acquired. The pastor of this new mission is living with the priest of the parish for whites, and holding special services for the Colored in the parish church. A school of 131 children is attached.

About 1,200 to 1,500 souls are to be found within the limits of this new parish.

"A site has already been purchased for the beginning of another new parish in a suburban section of New Orleans, where Colored Catholics are acquiring homes. A large hall was erected on this property and is now being used for a school.

"The large brick church of St. Joan of Arc was erected and dedicated in New Orleans to take the place of a small temporary frame structure. One of the Gulf storms several years back had demolished the old parish church.

"At New Roads, La., a new church was built to accommodate a congregation of 1,200 souls. Services had previously been conducted in a small hall over a grocery store. A dwelling house was purchased to serve as a rectory.

"At Chastang, Ala., a new school and Sisters' house was built. A new school was also opened amongst the Cadjin people about six miles distant from Chastang.

"Port Arthur, Tex., a rapidly growing mission, was established as a separate parish with a resident priest.

"Two new missions were taken over by our Pass Christian, Miss., Mission. A new church was built and dedicated at one of these, a place called De Lisle, Miss.

"On the advice of His Grace, the Archbishop of Baltimore, a site of seven and one-half acres for our future Seminary was purchased in close proximity to the Catholic University, at Washington, D. C. The Colored Missions constitute a great mission field peculiarly our own and they are of paramount importance to the American Church. It is fitting therefore that the headquarters of this work should be found at this centre of Catholic education, where all the attending ecclesiastics, both secular and religious, may, to some extent, become sharers in this Home Mission apostolate.

"Lastly, the building of our New College at Newburgh, N. Y., to accommodate 160 students, is now in progress. We expect that the structure will be ready for occupancy with the opening of the school year, September, 1925. The reasons for the change of college location are briefly: The fact that the old college was getting very ancient and about to be condemned as a firetrap. It was likewise entirely too small to house the number of students necessary to provide a sufficient number of priests to man our constantly growing missions. Lastly, we have been alive to the fact that Baltimore is practically a Southern city, and a very poor location for a college of this sort. We have good grounds to believe that the change will result in a greatly increased roster of students. In consequence the Colored Mission work will receive a decided impetus, a badly needed blessing.

"We now have 80 priests all working exclusively for the Colored missions. Last year's report shows that we are ministering to 49,000 souls, an increase of 5,050 over the year preceding. The number of Baptisms was 2,209 for our 49 parishes and 22 attached missions. The adult converts numbered 504, and 259 others are under instruction, or rather were at the beginning of the year. The school enrollment for our 56 schools was 9,648 children, an increase of 746 over the preceding year. The services of 154 sisters and 68 lay-teachers, a total of 222 teachers, were employed in conducting these schools. Our Seminary numbered 31 students, and Epiphany Apostolic College, which is our preparatory school, reached the highwater mark of 103 students enrolled.

"The foregoing is but a brief mention of the new developments during the past year, together with a summary of the work accomplished. But it by no means exhausts the story. The migration Northward and Eastward of so many of the Negroes have left many of our missions in a weakened condition. The Annual Report does not tabulate these losses nor the labors of the priests in trying to make them up in some measure by the reclaiming of apostates and bad Catholics. In some centres new congregations are being constantly built up. In Mobile, Ala., one priest is at work on his third congregation. Migration from Florida for the past year according to government reports was 24% of the total Negro population within the State.

"As far as means will permit we are devoting all possible attention to the development of our parochial schools. At our mission stations in non-Catholic places a successful school means a growing mission. The growth is slow but sure. Through the children an entre is obtained into the family circle, and in some instances both children and parents are brought into the church. Yet owing to the poverty of most Colored people in the South, the development of our school system leaves much to be desired. More teachers should be employed for the proper training of the pupils. This necessity is especially true of our country schools.

"Here credit should be given to Monsignor John E. Burke, of the Negro Board, who, through his activities assists many of our poorer missions by paying the salaries of some of the teachers. On account of the scarcity of sisters we are under the necessity of employing many lay-teachers. This becomes a heavy burden on the priest because these young ladies in some cases must be paid the same scale of wages found in the local public school system.

"At many of our schools High School courses have been introduced. This enables our children to stay under Catholic auspices during their entire school life and preserves their faith. However, practically all schools of secondary and higher education in the South are conducted by non-Catholic institutions. This has ever

been a prolific source of apostacies. Up to date we have a High School curriculum at twelve of our schools and the number is increasing with the years.

"In order to preserve the faith of the Creole Colored people of Louisiana, Mother Katherine is assisting by establishing primary schools in many country districts and finding means of paying the teachers' salaries."

SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD.

No appropriation in 1923, as no application was submitted.

The following appeared in *"The St. Augustine Messenger"* in regard to the opening of St. Augustine's Mission House, Seminary for the education of Colored Priests, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi:

"At last! The dream of many has been realized; the prayers of the good priests working in the Colored field has been heard; a great need has been supplied; a golden page, in the history of the Negro people in this country has been turned; a seminary for the purpose of training Colored boys for the dignity of the holy priesthood has been established. And no one need to fear that this institution might fail; it had already for some years past, annually a normal increase in the number of students and a large percentage of the first students persevered; it is now sheltered in a permanent and modern home; it enjoys the unhesitating and full approbation of the American Hierarchy as well as that of our Holy Father who sent an autographed letter with his papal blessing for the occasion of the opening of St. Augustine's Mission House, the new home for the seminary.

"The institution is situated on very beautiful grounds dotted with majestic oaks, tall healthy pines, dwarf cedars, beautiful magnolias, graceful palms and an abundance of fruit trees. The Mission House itself is an imposing three story brick structure with well lighted and ventilated class-rooms. Among the benefactors who made this beautiful structure possible must be mentioned the members of the Commission for the Negro and Indian Missions who allowed a generous appropriation."

Rev. Father Christman, Rector of the Mission House, writes:

"Our students are well contented with their new home and its surroundings. While the Colored people of New Orleans and the coast are naturally proud of it, our new Mission House seems to find more and more favor with the white people. At present one of our prayers has been heard and in a manner we did not dream of two years ago: we have a permanent home and it is a real, though very plain monument.

"We are profoundly grateful for the assistance and generous appropriations of the Commission for the Catholic Missions among the Colored people and Indians, given in past years, which made the purchase of St. Augustine's grounds and the substantial structure of the Seminary possible. We hope and are confident that it will help us also to solve this great problem of raising sufficient funds for our running expenses. The year started with an enrollment of twenty-two students. Four Fathers composed the faculty. There are two brothers to do the manual work."

FATHERS OF THE LYONNAISE AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Amount appropriated, special		$3,000.00
Disbursements:		
St. Anthony's Mission House, Colored Seminary	$3,000.00	
Total disbrusements		$3,000.00

Very Rev. Father Lissner, Provincial of the Society of African Missions of Lyons, writes.

"I have just completed a Seminary building at Tenafly, N. J., with about twenty rooms. I am helpless to care for candidates who expect free board. I have to ask for a special appropriation of $25,000.00. Otherwise our work will be crippled for many years. I have now room for candidates and professors of the Seminary. I need only the funds to go forward. I worked at the building the whole summer and will return soon to the Missions in Georgia."

ALEXANDRIA.

Amount appropriated		$1,500.00
Disbursements:		
School, Natchitoches	$200.00	
School, Campti	200.00	
School, Cloutiersville	200.00	
School, Alexandria	100.00	
School, Zwolle	300.00	
Spanish Lake School	300.00	
Marksville Church	100.00	
Schreveport Pastor	100.00	
	$1,500.00	
Total disbursements		$1,500.00

The following is quoted from the observations of Right Reverend Bishop Van de Ven:

"The parishes and schools of Alexandria, Isle Brevelle and Marksville are particularly flourishing.

"The poor pastor of Shreveport has as yet no home, no Church, no

buildings of any kind—only a few lots and a little money. It is earnestly hoped that a liberal donation, which could not be granted last year, will not be refused this time."

BALTIMORE.

Amount appropriated		$4,300.00
Amount appropriated, special		2,000.00
		$6,300.00
Disbursements:		
St. Barnabas', Baltimore	$500.00	
St. Francis Xavier's, Baltimore	275.00	
St. Monica's, Baltimore	100.00	
St. Peter Claver Industrial	500.00	
House of Good Shepherd	500.00	
St. Francis' Orphan Asylum	400.00	
St. Elizabeth's Home	1,000.00	
St. Alphonsus', Ridge, Md.	300.00	
St. Ignatius' Missions, Bel Alton, Md.	225.00	
St. Mary's, Bryantown, Md.	100.00	
Chaptico Missions	300.00	
St. Mary's, Newport, Md.	100.00	
Church of the Good Shepherd, Washington, D. C.	1,000.00	
Cardinal Gibbons Institute, Southern Maryland	1,000.00	
	$6,300.00	
Total disbursements		$6,300.00

The following is quoted from the report:

"Holy Redeemer and Church of the Good Shepherd are parishes for the exclusive care of Colored Catholics recently established in Washington, D. C., and can meet current expenses and interest on debts only with assistance. This condition will exist for some years.

"Another parish for Colored people in the Georgetown section of Washington, D. C., is now in the formative stage, a site having been secured, and the work of building will require special outside relief. The establishment of a school for Colored children and under the care of Colored Oblate Sisters in connection with St. Peter's Church, Ridge, Md., is an accomplishment of the past year. To bring this school up to a high standard requires immediate assistance. With this school well established, it will serve as a model and incentive for the establishment of similar schools in Southern Maryland which has a Colored Catholic population of approximately fifteen thousand."

BELLEVILLE

No appropriation, as no application was submitted.

Right Reverend Bishop Althoff writes:

"I write to you again this year in behalf of St. Augustine's Colored Mission in East St. Louis—in charge of the Society of African

Missions. The Superior, Father P. Harrington, has given me the following report of last year's work:

"This past year has been one of steady progress, both spiritual and material. When you received our last report the Mission had just secured the services of two Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. They have devoted a year to Social Settlement work. This kind of activity has a peculiar appeal for Colored people. The good sisters have reached the souls of many by their visible care and solicitude for the material wants of the poor and the sick and the unfortunate ones. *Exempla trahunt.*

"At the same time there was opened an afternoon Kindergarten School which should serve as a nucleus for regular grade school. And it has all worked out according to plan. Side by side with the Kindergarten a regular grade school is now functioning at St. Augustine's—only the first three grades, however, as it is considered productive of better results to take only the younger pupils and add one or two more grades each year. The total enrollment is 75, and 72 of them are non-Catholics. The majority of them, however, attend Sunday School, and, no doubt, many of them will become converts.

"This summer an additional class-room will have to be built, and as the Mission has itself to provide the teachers' salaries, etc., its meagre resources will be severely taxed, seeing especially that it is burdened with a comparatively heavy debt, which it is trying to reduce each year."

"The Fathers and Sisters of St. Augustine's Mission are doing real missionary work. A grant from your Board for this deserving cause would be highly appreciated by me. The Fathers expressed their keenest gratitude for the grant awarded last year.

"I make use of this opportunity to wish your Board God's richest blessing during this year."

CAP-HAITIEN, HAITI.

Amount appropriated		$2,500.00
Disbursements:		
Notre Dame College	$2,500.00	
Total disbursements		$2,500.00

Right Reverend Bishop Kersuzan writes:

"It is impossible to give an appreciation of the amount necessary to put the indispensable mission interests of the diocese in proper condition. The College of Notre Dame and the Girls' Normal School cause me most preoccupation at present. I must furnish the College $400.00 a month. Our boys' parochial school receives $20.00 a month from the Government, but we fear to see this withdrawn at any moment.

"The country is almost entirely Catholic. There are between two thousand and twenty-five hundred native Protestants. But the enemy is invading us—Methodists, Adventists, well supplied with American money for their enterprises."

CHARLESTON.

Amount appropriated $4,100.00

No itemized statement of disbursements given in the report. St. Peter's Mission School, viz: St. Peter's School, Immaculate Conception School and annex, St. James' School, Catholic Cross Roads and Catechists at Summerville are mentioned as the beneficiaries of the appropriation.

Right Reverend Bishop Russell writes:

"What I have mentioned above as the Immaculate Conception Annex is in reality a new Church now used as a school. I am forced to do this as the Immaculate Conception School needs an addition of which I have written in my last two reports. $5,000.00 would be necessary for this addition. As soon as the Board is able to give me this amount and I am able to make the addition I expect to turn the present annex into a Church and then I am sure conversions will be more rapid.

"I have the same recommendations to make of Catholic Cross Roads as other years. As soon as I am able to erect a convent and have sisters living there the good done will be inestimable. At present the school is taught by a Colored woman.

"As in other years I must again state my conviction that we could have as many children under Catholic auspices as we are able to accommodate in our schools. All we need is money to erect these buildings and sisters to teach in them. The Oblate Sisters are ready to send us more sisters but we are unable to house them or to accommodate the children in a school.

"The number of children attending school would be larger did they all remain throughout the year. Many who enrolled in the beginning left for the North during the year."

CLEVELAND

Amount appropriated $2,000.00

Disbursements:

Church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament..... $2,000.00

Total disbursements $2,000.00

The Rev. James A. McFadden, Director of the Catholic Missionary Union of the Diocese of Cleveland, writes, with the endorsement of Right Reverend Bishop Schrembs:

"Last year the Commission granted an allocation of $2,000.00 to the Church of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament for Colored

people. The Right Reverend Bishop, Joseph Schrembs, instructed me to ask for an allocation for this year. The need is very urgent for the development of the parish."

COVINGTON.

Amount appropriated, 1922		$800.00
Amount appropriated, 1923		800.00
		$1,600.00
Disbursements:		
St. Peter Claver's School, Lexington, Ky	$1,600.00	
Total disbursements		$1,600.00

DALLAS.

Amount appropriated	$1,200.00
Disbursements:	

No itemized statement given in the report. St. Peter's Church, the Sisters' Institute, Seven Sisters of the Holy Ghost and Rev. John S. Neifert, S.S.J., are mentioned as the beneficiaries of the appropriation.

The following observations are taken from the report:

"Our high school looks very promising for next term. Last year we had sixteen high school pupils. We have already enrolled twenty-five for next term. Most of these pupils are non-Catholic girls. Their parents wish them to receive a higher moral training, for they could send them to a first-class public High School within six blocks of here.

"The Sunday Mass attendance has been much better during the past year. We are organizing two new societies. No doubt with persevering efforts this little Mission can be converted into a real parish."

DETROIT.

Amount appropriated		$1,200.00
Disbursements:		
St. Peter Claver's Church	$1,200.00	
Total disbursements		$1,200.00

GALVESTON.

Amount appropriated		$3,000.00
Disbursements:		
Beaumont	$500.00	
Houston	854.00	
Ames	400.00	
Galveston	746.00	
Port Arthur	500.00	
	$3,000.00	
Total disbursements		$3,000.00

Rt. Rev. Bishop Byrne submits the following survey of the Galveston Missions:

"Father Flanagan, S.S.J., Port Arthur: 'For real effective work we sadly need sisters and school building.'

"Father LaPlante, Beaumont. 'Two new additional class rooms must be built and furnished to accommodate the increasing attendance. I expect one more sister and two lay teachers to complete teaching staff.'

"Father Shoppert, S.S.J., Houston: 'We are about to start the erection of a new Church here which is sorely needed. This parish is over thirty-seven years old and these poor people have always used a school hall for Church purposes. We, therefore, humbly beg the Commission to give us financial aid for this much-needed improvement. The new Church will cost us $25,000.00 without furnishings. A parish hall is also greatly needed here. This could be erected for about two thousand dollars.'

"Father Fitzpatrick, S.S.J., Galveston: 'The school is badly in need of repairs and seating accommodation. Recreation grounds ought to be improved. If we could bring the children to higher grades than the eighth we might do more for the conversion of the Negro.'

"The needs these Reverend Fathers present are real. Father Shoppert has started his Church. I let him borrow the money.

"At Orange, Father Bauer, one of our own priests, has organized the Catholic Negroes. There are sixty-eight families. They are gathering money for a site and Church."

INDIANAPOLIS.

Amount appropriated		$1,200.00
Disbursements:		
St. Peter's Church and School	$1,200.00	
Total disbursements		$1,200.00

KANSAS CITY.

Amount appropriated		$750.00
Disbursements:		
St. Monica's Church and School	$750.00	
Total disbursements		$750.00

Rt. Rev. Bishop Lillis writes:

"The prospect for converts seems good as also the hope of bringing a number of fallen aways back to the Church.

"The need of a Catholic High School is becoming more and more pressing. There seems to be some hope of starting one next year. In the past a number of children going to the public High School became lukewarm in their Faith or strayed away entirely."

LAFAYETTE.

Amount appropriated		$3,500.00
Amount appropriated, special		1,000.00
		$4,500.00
Disbursements:		
Holy Rosary Institute	$450.00	
New Iberia	375.00	
Crowley	375.00	
Opelousas	375.00	
Grand Coteau	400.00	
Lafayette, St. Paul's	350.00	
Lake Charles	375.00	
St. Martinville School	150.00	
Lebeau	200.00	
Delcambre	150.00	
Breaux Bridge, from ordinary appropriation	300.00	
Breaux Bridge, from special appropriation	500.00	
Total disbursements		$4,000.00

The following is taken from the report of Rt. Rev. Bishop Jeanmard:

"An increase of 456 in the school attendance during the past year tells a story of gratifying progress. With the carrying out of Mother Katharine's extensive school building program for the coming year, the next report should again show a substantial increase in the number of children attending our schools. Work is even now on foot to build five additional schools in the following places, in time for the coming session: Abbeville, Carencro, Coulee Croche, Olivier, and Leonville. There is no doubt that these schools, built to accommodate between 80 and 90 children, will be filled to capacity as soon as opened. Little or nothing has been done to provide public schools for these localities, and as the Colored population of these places is almost entirely Catholic, and our good Colored people are quick to take advantage of educational opportunities offered them, these schools will be well patronized from the beginning.

"This extraordinary extension of the work has been made entirely possible by the charity and munificence of Mother Katharine Drexel. Whilst we rejoice at this most encouraging and consoling condition of affairs, yet we cannot but be gravely apprehensive for the future maintenance of these schools. We have nothing to fear during the lifetime of Mother Katharine (and may God spare her a very long time) but what is to become of these schools when her generous protecting hand will have been withdrawn? Our Colored people are extremely generous—they are singularly free from anything like avarice—but they are so poor! It is really wonderful how much they have done and are doing for their churches and schools, when you consider their poverty and the scantiness of their resources. It is to be hoped, then, that the agencies now organized and work-

ing so zealously for their welfare will find a way of providing larger appropriations and be in a position to put these schools on a sounder and safer footing.

"The establishment of a new parish is contemplated in Rayne in the course of the coming year. An Assistant has been sent to the neighboring parish of Crowley to effect this, and is already at work."

LEAVENWORTH.

Amount appropriated		$2,000.00
Disbursements:		
Guardian Angels' Home and Holy Epiphany Church..	$2,000.00	
Total disbursements		$2,000.00

Rev. Father Angelus Schaefer, O.F.M., writes:

"At the invitation of Rt. Rev. Bishop John Ward of Leavenworth, the Franciscan Chapter on February 12th, 1924, appointed me to take charge of the Colored Catholics of this city, and to organize a parish for them as soon as possible. I arrived here on February 23rd, consulted the Rt. Rev. Bishop, and spent the next six weeks in studying the Colored districts and in seeking a suitable location for the establishment of a church. We were unable to secure anything suitable and on Palm Sunday a meeting of the Colored Catholics was held, and there it was decided to rent a store to be used for services until a definite location could be secured. We got into the store on Wednesday night of Holy Week and by Saturday at midnight everything was in readiness for the opening service on Easter day. The altar and the pews were donated by two Franciscan Fathers in Kansas City.

"The first service was very encouraging to me. A crowd of about 75 persons was on hand (all Colored except seven white friends), and of these 42 received Holy Communion. Quite a number of the people were from St. Monica's Colored Church in Kansas City, Mo. I have a list of 47 practical Catholics in Kansas City, Kansas, but five or six of these find it more convenient to attend St. Monica's Church because of better car service. Four families of fallen away Catholics have been reported to me and I believe I will be able to win them back. The Colored people in general seem well-disposed to the Church in this city and the field for converts is promising.

"A fund of over $2,000.00 (secured by the Colored Catholics through raffles, bazaars and dues paid in as members of the 'Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help') was turned over to me by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, and this is all the money we have on hand. We intend to buy some property soon, and this will necessitate the loan of about $5,000. Any assistance that you can render us will be warmly and greatly appreciated, and we assure you that the money will be well spent. We hope to have a school by September.

"As our little parish is only one month old I am unable to give you any further information. I have baptized two infants thus far, and have a fair attendance at the convert instruction class, several of whom are almost ready for Baptism. If you however desire further details of our parish I will be more than glad to answer any of your questions."

Rev. Father Shorter, Pastor of Holy Epiphany Church, writes with the approval of Rt. Rev. Bishop Ward:

"Nearly all the Negroes of Kansas are concentrated in the Leavenworth Diocese. Our Mission in Leavenworth is the oldest west of St. Louis and one of the oldest in the United States. Our Home for Boys has admitted children from New York, Baltimore and from the Rocky Mountain States. It is still unique in the Central West in the work for boys. We have been obliged to refuse many applicants during the past year for lack of room. We have made no appeal for help except to the Commission and occasionally to the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. What husbanding of resources is necessary and what sacrifices are made by those in charge to maintain our works of charity and education is a matter with which but few are acquainted. The total expenses yearly amount to over nine thousand dollars."

LITTLE ROCK.

Amount appropriated		$2,000.00
Disbursements:		
Good Shepherd Convent, Hot Springs	$100.00	
St. Peter's, Pine Bluff	600.00	
St. Bartholomew's, Little Rock	600.00	
St. John's, Fort Smith	500.00	
Taxes	200.00	
	$2,000.00	
Total disbursements		$2,000.00

Right Reverend Bishop Morris submits the following in his report:

The Negro work in the South like the work among the white people is suffering from a lack of priests and sisters to carry it on. If priests and sisters could be obtained there would be an opportunity for at least three new Catholic centers in the Diocese. I have appealed to the communities doing this and have always received the same reply—no priests, no sisters available for the work. I believe however the problem of the Negro work will be solved in the future by Diocesan priests. When we have enough priests to meet our urgent needs among the white Catholic population, then I believe we shall be able to take up the work among the Negroes, and I hope that in a few years our Diocesan Seminary may give a priest or two to the Negro work here in the Diocese.

"In a material way the prospects of the places already established are most encouraging. Here in Little Rock, the congregation at St. Bartholomew's contributed $1,455.67 to the Church during the past year. Last year this congregation had a deficit of $1,100.00. This year they have reduced this to $809.00, and this in a year when working conditions were by no means good, most of the laboring classes having long periods of enforced idleness.

"In Ft. Smith, a school was opened at St. John's by the Sisters of Mercy last fall. The total enrollment for the year was 58 pupils. The sisters teaching this school are loaned by the Mercy Academy in Ft. Smith.

"In Pine Bluff, the school was enlarged through the generosity of the Board and about six hundred children attended during the past year. Financially, Pine Bluff has not been as successful as the other parishes but this can be attributed to the failure of the cotton crop in that section, which strictly agricultural, the majority of the people, white and Colored, depending on it for a living either directly as farmers or indirectly as employees of various industries allied with cotton growing.

"For the past two years, the priests engaged in the Colored work have been very much preoccupied by the departure of their people for the industrial centres of the North and East. This has caused a loss of many good families in our Colored parishes.

"The Sisters of the Good Shepherd conduct a school for Negro girls in connection with their convent in Hot. Springs. During the past school year they had fifty-five pupils. Here again the lack of a priest for the work makes it very difficult to permanently impress the Colored people. Hot Springs is a resort and there are a great many visitors there during the winter season and a great many Negroes come there in the employ either of private families or of the large hotels. A priest could do a great deal among them, if he was free to devote his time to them.

"A great part of the funds are needed to defray what are known as improvement taxes, for streets, roads and bridges. All church property is taxed for these improvements and it is a heavy burden for the struggling Colored parishes.

"During the coming year, our Colored Missions will have to meet a great number of obligations in repairs on present plants and enlargement of them, and a convent is sorely needed for the school at Ft. Smith in order that the pastor may arrange to get regular teachers for the school there. Hence we would appreciate it very much if the Board would kindly increase our allotment to $3,000.00, three thousand dollars."

LOUISVILLE.

Amount appropriated		$2,000.00
Disbursements:		
St. Augustine Church, Louisville	$1,000.00	
St. Peter Claver Church, Louisville	750.00	
St. Monica Church, Lebanon	250.00	
Total disbursements		$2,000.00

Right Reverend Bishop Floersh writes:

"I heartily recommend the application of the various Churches and schools for help. They are doing excellent work but are hampered to a great extent for lack of funds."

MOBILE.

Amount appropriated		$4,000.00
Disbursements:		
Rev. Charles Evers, Mon Louis Island, Ala.	$100.00	
Rev. C. Hartkoff, St. Joseph's, Pensacola, Fla.	1,200.00	
Rev. H. Hagen, St. Mary Magdalen's, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	300.00	
Rev. John McKeever, St. John the Baptist, Montgomery (Ala.	300.00	
Rev. John B. Schwert, St. Peter Claver's, Mobile, Ala.	100.00	
Rev. P. J. Walsh, Immaculate Conception Church, Birmingham, Ala.	300.00	
Rev. Thomas Judge, C.M., Cottonton, Ala.	200.00	
Rev. D. J. Rice, St. Anthony's, Mobile, Ala.	300.00	
Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Patrick's Creole School	200.00	
Holy Family Mission, Apalachicola, Fla.	300.00	
Rev. S. Grossi, Chastang and Fairfield Missions	500.00	
West Mount Vernon Mission	200.00	
Total disbursements		$4,000.00

Right Reverend Bishop Allen writes:

"The report of the work done in the Colored Missions of Mobile during the past year is on the whole gratifying and encouraging, for it tells the tale of unselfish devotion on the part of priests and religious. Our schools, under their direction, are doing splendid work for the Colored people and are greatly appreciated by non-Catholics, as well as Catholics. Would to God that we were able to double their number, as well as their efficiency! It is a matter of deep regret to all who are interested in the mission work that the laborers are so few while the field is so extensive. I have been anxious, for years, to start a mission at Selma and another in the city of Birmingham, but the laborers are not available.

"I regret to state that Reverend Thomas H. Massey, who did remarkable work in organizing and in developing the mission of

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was compelled to retire and go to Arizona for his health. He was a devoted priest and a zealous missionary and we could ill afford to lose him. His place has been taken by Rev. H. Hagen, one of the Fathers of the Divine Word.

"The Northern fever is still making inroads into our Colored missions and family after family has left for the North and West during the past year.

"The orphan asylum, which was recently opened at Prichard, near Mobile, will be the means of saving many helpless children who were heretofore lost to the Church."

NASHVILLE.

Amount appropriated		$1,000.00
Disbursements:		
Church of the Holy Family	$1,096.39	
St. Anthony's, Memphis	100.00	
St. Joseph's, Jackson	778.75	
	$1,975.14	
Total disbursements		$1,975.14

The following observations are taken from the report submitted by Right Reverend Bishop Smith:

"The rectory at Jackson is in dire need of repair. A new rectory is needed in Nashville. The present house is located at some distance from the Church where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. It is a very old dwelling too small and inconvenient for a priest. The repairs will consume a considerable amount."

NATCHEZ.

Amount appropriated		$6,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		2,500.00
		$8,500.00
Disbursements:		
(*a*) Divine Word: Parishes of Greenville, Jackson, Meridian, Vicksburg, and Bay St. Louis School, each $350.00	$1,750.00	
(*b*) Josephite: Parishes of Biloxi, Natchez, Pass Christian, Pascagoula and DeLisle Mission, each $350.00	1,750.00	
(*c*) C. I. C. M.—Choctaw at Tucker and Sulphur Springs	1,450.00	
(*d*) DeLisle—New Church	350.00	
(*e*) Schools	500.00	
(*f*) Secular Clergy	200.00	
	$6,000.00	
Total disbursements		$6,000.00

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Prendergast, Administrator of the Diocese after the death of Rt. Rev. Bishop Gunn, writes:

"I beg you not to lessen your generosity this year to the poor and needy Missions of Mississippi.

"Our new Bishop will be with us within two months. I hope that, from the very outstart of his arduous labors in this State, he will receive from you the same generous measure of help and encouragement which you accorded to his lamented predecessor."

NEW ORLEANS.

Amount appropriated		$6,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		2,000.00
		$8,000.00
Disbursements:		
Holy Family	$500.00	
St. Joan of Arc	250.00	
St. Catherine	200.00	
Corpus Christi	400.00	
Xavier University	500.00	
Convent of Good Shepherd	375.00	
Holy Redeemer	250.00	
All Saints	250.00	
Blessed Sacrament	200.00	
Holy Ghost	200.00	
St. Peter Claver	200.00	
St. Francis Xavier (Baton Rouge)	250.00	
Bertrandville	200.00	
Pointe-a-la-Hache	250.00	
Convent, La.	150.00	
Donaldsonville	150.00	
Labadieville	175.00	
Plaquemine	150.00	
Lacombe	200.00	
Mandeville	150.00	
Madisonville	200.00	
Bonfuca	200.00	
Slidell	150.00	
New Roads	250.00	
Thibodaux	200.00	
	$6,000.00	
Total disbursements		$6,000.00

Most Reverend Archbishop Shaw submits the following:

"We have really very little to add to the Report for 1923. The missionaries and the sisters engaged in the work of the ministry and of Christian education manifest truly apostolic zeal in the discharge of their arduous duties. Because of the fewness of their numbers and their poverty, their progress is comparatively slow in garnering the great harvest of soul. Indeed much of the harvest has already been lost and more will be lost because 'the laborers are

few.' Because they have chosen the Colored people for their mission, they naturally are grieved to see so many of their adopted brethren dying of spiritual starvation. Yet as they know that 'the ways of God are unsearchable,' they are not despondent that they are able to do so little where there is so much to be done. They realize that after all they are but pioneers preparing the way for those who will come after them. In the many disappointments which are more or less inseparable to their laborious mission which has little to commend itself to flesh and blood, they find consolation in the words of the Psalmist, 'Going they went and wept casting their seeds,' and in the thought that though they now sow in tears, those that come after them will reap in joy.

"This year we have opened a new parish, St. Catherine of Siena, in Donaldsonville. For its auspicuous beginning which promises so much for the future, we cannot praise too highly the zeal and co-operation of the Very Reverend Pastor of the Church of the Assumption. He and some others have set an example well worthy of imitation. The *pusillus grex* and their devoted Pastor have assumed a heavy debt in the purchase of a modest home located on a plot of ground in a convenient section of the city, which will provide ample room for a new Church.

"The people of this parish, who are of the better class of their race, deeply appreciate the gift of faith and the bleessings of Christian education for their little ones in the school which has been established for some years. Thanks to their hearty co-operation with their pastor and their generous self-denial, they will clear their debt in a few years. For the time being a room in the school, neatly fitted up but inadequate for the purposes of divine worship and too small to accommodate their numbers, must serve them for a Church. The building of the new Church, which will be worthy of their faith and piety, must be deferred until they have paid their present debt. In this connection it must be said to the praise of our Colored brethren in general that they are ambitious to have really fine Churches for which they are willing to make the necessary sacrifices. Their slender means, the burden of heavy debts for the purchase of suitable sites and the increased cost of building, are the main obstacles that impede the realization of their laudable desires. What a golden opportunity to do a great charity for God and their poor brethren in the faith is being offered in this and so many other instances to our well-to-do Catholics to build churches as memorials of their faith, piety and gratitude to God for His manifold blessings. Their charity would cost them little self-denial. Besides being a rich investment for eternal life, they would have in life and death the grateful prayers of their humble beneficiaries."

NEW YORK.

Amount appropriated		$3,600.00
Disbursements:		
St. Benedict's Home, Rye, N. Y.	$300.00	
St. Benedict's School, New York City	600.00	
St. Mark's School, New York City	900.00	
Bahama Islands	1,800.00	
	$3,600.00	
Total disbursements		$3,600.00

The following letters are embodied in the report. Rev. Thomas M. O'Keefe, Pastor of St. Benedict's Church, writes:

"Good people continue to go to the Sacraments very regularly. There is need of another Church and school in Harlem due to the fact that the population increased from 100,000 in 1918 to 210,000 in 1924. This increase is due to economical conditions in the South and discrimination causing exodus to the North. Thousands of these were members of Colored Catholic Churches in the South. They require close spiritual attention.

"St. Benedict's Day Nursery is doing wonderful work. Mothers are helped by having their children looked after during the day while they are at work, children are fed, clothed and doctored. Homeless mothers receive shelter for short periods until work is secured. Trained nurses are in attendance. Besides the material, spiritual wants are attended to. Children are baptized, careless mothers have been persuaded to again take up their religious duties, several non-Catholics have begun instruction in Catholic doctrine.

"At least $5,000 will be required for the coming year to meet obligations. This must be met by the members of St. Benedict's congregation unless outside aid is given."

Rev. C. J. Plunkett, C.S.Sp., Pastor of St. Mark's, writes:

"We have about 1,600 souls in the parish. The $900 received last year was devoted to the school. This is a small remuneration for ten teachers and we would request the venerable Commission to grant a larger appropriation for St. Mark's School. The fact that since the last report there were over 600 children in the school, 222 children baptized and 107 converts received into the Church, is sufficient proof of the good work done in St. Mark's."

Very Rev. Chrysostom Schreiner, O.S.B., Vicar Forane of the Bahama Islands, writes:

"Nassau, Bahamas.—In four of the Andros Island Stations Divine Service is held either monthly or fortnightly, and school daily in rented buildings. There is urgent need of owning these buildings, or for erecting new ones. The settlements are all small—from

forty to sixty families—situated on the sea-front. The Missionary approaches them by a small sloop wihch he manages with the aid of one man. He has to sleep on shore. The buildings required for each of these missions are one room buildings that can serve the two-fold purpose of chapel and day school. Also there is necessary a one or two room building for the Missionary as well as a similar habitation for the teacher or catechist.

"About $1,500 would be required for the necessary buildings in each of these missions.

"At Harbor Island school is also in a rented building. As the settlement is a pretentious little town a suitable building for school alone would cost about $1,800.

"The problem of support for teachers or catechists is a serious one. Before the war we were fortunate enough to get a male or female teacher, having his home at the settlement, for $10 to $12 per month. Now it is scarcely possible to get one for less than $25 per month. Living expenses of teachers, sisters and clergy are 300% higher than they were ten years ago.

I earnestly and respectfully request that the allotment for this year be increased to $4,000."

NORTH CAROLINA.

Amount appropriated		$2,500.00
Disbursements:		
Rev. Charles Hannigan	$550.00	
Rev. M. A. Irwin	50.00	
Rev. M. A. Irwin, Teacher	200.00	
St. Benedict's School, Abbey	250.00	
St. Joseph's School, Abbey	250.00	
Rev. C. B. Winckler, S.S.J.	1,200.00	
Total disbursements		$2,500.00

The late Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid, O.S.B., D.D., writes as follows:

"Father Winckler, S.S.J., St. Thomas' Church, Wilmington, is doing excellent work with the aid of the sisters. There are now about 250 children in his school. Many become good converts.

"Father Irwin, Newton Grove, is now building the hall for which you gave him $1,500.00 last year. The prospects are good.

"Schools at the Abbey, St. Joseph's and St. Benedict's, are well attended—seventy children, almost all Catholics. The parents are showing good example and there are many communicants every Sunday.

"The arrival of Father Charles Hannigan, S.S.J., has infused new life into St. Joseph's Church, Newbern. There are thousands of good Colored people in Newbern and vicinity. To make the work successful sisters are needed. Newbern holds out great hopes for the future but we must have sisters."

OKLAHOMA.

No appropriation, as no application was submitted.

Rt. Rev. Francis C. Kelly, recently appointed Bishop of Oklahoma, writes:

"The Vicar for mission work just appointed is to make a comprehensive survey this year with a view to begin intensive work for the Negro."

OMAHA.

Amount appropriated		$1,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		500.00
Disbursements:		$1,500.00
Church and School of St. Benedict the Moor	$1,500.00	
Total disbursements		$1,500.00

The following observations are taken from the report of Most Reverend Archbishop Harty:

"The prospects of the work for the Negroes in Omaha are very encouraging. The progress is, naturally, slow, but there is solid ground for expecting the development of a very good Colored parish in Omaha.

"In April, 1923, an old Methodist Church with a good plot of ground, 125 by 150 feet, was purchased. The building is serviceable for the purposes of both church and school. The school was opened in September, 1923, and has been of great help in building up the parish. Two fine and energetic white Sisters of Mercy are in charge, and the outlook is very favorable.

"Duirng the year 1923 the expenditures amounted to $20,000.00, and the present heavy debt is over $9,000.00. At least $2,000.00 more must be expended for necessary repairs and improvements.

"Without the help of the Commission for Colored Missions last year the school could not have been opened, and without the help of the same Commission for some years to come the school cannot be continued in its good work.

"The increase in the number of Baptisms during the past year is very consoling, and indicates that progress is being made.

"The Archbishop, the pastor and the members of the parish of Saint Benedict the Moor are very grateful for the assistance ($1,500.00) which the Commission for Colored Missions gave them last year, and sincerely trust that the Commission may be able to grant an allocation of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the current year."

PHILADELPHIA.

Amount appropriated		$2,500.00
Disbursements:		
St. Peter Claver's	$1,006.00	
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	450.00	
Sisters of Notre Dame	522.00	
House of Good Shepherd, Germantown	522.00	
Total disbursements		$2,500.00

The following is a report of the Colored work of St. Peter Claver's for 1923:

"The allocation we received from the Venerable Commission was used toward paying the school salaries, which amount to $2,100. We are deeply grateful for the help given us.

"Our financial situation is very perplexing, for every year our *ordinary* disbursement far exceeds our *ordinary* income, and the difference must be made up in many ways.

"The societies have done well during the year, especially the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Since our last report we had 114 Baptisms, 63 of whom are converts. For Confirmation we had 86 children and 30 adults.

"The question of the Colored race in the Diocese of Philadelphia is, in many ways, unique. Differing from the situation in New York and other Northern cities, here in Philadelphia the Colored families are scattered over the entire city. This makes work amongst them hard, and any kind of progress very slow. It is almost impossible for those in charge to keep in touch with them. We have, it is true, three churches for our Colored brethren, but what are they in a city as large as ours. The people cannot travel such distances as this state of affairs would require. And, unfortunately, the situation can scarcely be remedied, for there are not sufficient members in any particular place either to build a new Church or even support it if it were built. All our priests, thank God, are kind to them, and do what they can. The Vincentian Fathers, in St. Catharine's, and the Holy Ghost Fathers, in St. Peter Claver's and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, work hard to overcome the difficulty. This is done by the aid of clubs, which means that there are parties, concerts, games, etc. In this way the Colored people are brought together, the Catholic spirit is fostered, and surely, even if indirectly, they are being led to God.

"The first converts are very slow in coming to us. This might seem strange at first sight, but to us who know the situation it is not so strange, although it is sad. There is a kind of peculiar hostility in the Colored race here against the Catholic Church. Simple minded as they are, is it any wonder that the ungodly sects have drawn them by their easy doctrines. In their credulity they believe

all they hear about the Church—and they hear much. Were it not for these sects—the Free Masons, Knights of Pythias, etc.—the work would be comparatively easy.

"Human nature is weak and prone to evil, and this is true of every race and clime. But it would, seemingly, be hard to find a people anywhere that are so prone to all the weakness of human nature as are the poor Colored people of this city. There are many reasons for this. First is the housing question. It is almost beyond belief the conditions that exist; cases are found where several families live in a house that is meant only for one, and other cases where a whole family live, eat and sleep in the same room. No privacy! no propriety, and consequently very little sense of morality. Another cause is the ungodly system of education. They are not taught about God or His laws. They are not shown the necessity of restraint upon the human passions; so from the point of view of morality they do not realize their obligations to themselves, their neighbors or their God.

"From this it will be seen that the fight in the Colored field is hard, and sometimes a discouraging one. The material is poor, the difficulties are great, the workers few, and the prospects—? Well, we leave them in the hand of God. The Colored people, nevertheless, are God's poor, God's children. He died for them just as He did for us; and no doubt He will find ways and means, unknown to us just now, whereby He will draw them gently but firmly into the true fold. And in His goodness He will see that His Colored flock is given the opportunity of learning the truths He came to teach, and thereby make use of the means He has given them to save their souls."

RICHMOND.

Amount appropriated		$6,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		2,500.00
		$8,500.00
Disbursements:		
St. Joseph's Parish, Richmond	$2,750.00	
St. Joseph's Parish, Alexandria	250.00	
St. Joseph's Parish, Norfolk	3,000.00	
	$6,000.00	
Norfolk, special	2,500.00	
	$8,500.00	
Total disbursements		$8,500.00

Right Reverend Bishop O'Connell submits the following observations:

"The wisdom of the policy I adopted a few years ago appears more clearly year after year. The scattered country schools did

not produce results that were lasting. Lack of contact with priests and sisters interfered all along with solid conversions. Since we concentrated our efforts upon the cities where we have churches and schools specially for Negroes, our work has made tremendous progress.

"The schools in Richmond and Norfolk are filled to overflowing and hundreds of pupils had to be turned away for want of schoolroom. More lay-teachers had to be engaged, to carry on the school work properly among the pupils who could be accommodated.

"In this connection the scarcity of religious teachers made itself felt on the side of true Catholic training, and even more so on the financial side, for the salary of each lay-teacher employed was twice the amount required by the modest claims of the religious.

"Nor could we escape the ever-present calls for funds needed for the enlargement of school buildings that became too small, nor for the improvements and repairs which time made imperative.

"Least of all could we remain indifferent to the fact that the attractions offered by complete and spacious public schools for Negroes had become a formidable rival of even the best efforts which our meagre resources made possible. I may be permitted to quote, in part, the report received from the Rev. Pastors in charge of Negro parishes:

"Richmond—Fr. Jos. B. Glenn writes: 'Near our school, and within a radius of four blocks, there are two public grammar schools, one public High School and one Junior High School. In these schools tuition and books are furnished free. Moreover, vocational work covering a number of trades for men and women is taught free in the day and in the night schools. To prevent the utter collapse of our school we have been driven to open a four-year High School and also a Vocational School. We could affiliate with the State Department of Education, if we had the means to employ two additional High School teachers. . . . I find that I can run the vocational departments at an annual expense of $1,200.00. The Academic Department will cost $5,477.00 in salaries. . . . Ordinary and extraordinary repairs . . . fuel and light added to the above will make a total of $9,659.00 necessary to keep our school running for the coming year. . . . Dollars and cents alone prevent the opening of schools in East Richmond and in South Richmond. . . . We are very much in need of playground space for our children at St. Joseph's. During recess our children are herded like cattle. Forced to turn many applicants away, we cannot hope to expand unless the assistance we get from the Venerable Commission is substantially increased.'

"Norfolk—Fr. Vincent D. Warren writes: 'As each year school reopens and our work of helping and converting the Negro grows upon us, one cannot help but become enthusiastic. . . . At the

opening of school last September we enrolled, within three days, 815 children; by the following week, after a careful check, we found that we had turned away 215 others, for lack of means and space. I am doing my best trying to take care of 815 children, knowing that by the time they finish our grammar and high school departments most of these will be Catholics. Experience has shown this.

"'These children are grouped in class-rooms through the eight grades and a four-year high school course. This is the fourth year of the high school department, in which there are *sixty-six children, all Catholics.* In February another class of 22 will enter this department, for so large are the classes coming from the grammar department that we must have graduation twice a year. To see the activities of this Mission, and to know the competition we have in the new up-to-date High School of the public school system; to know that in our very hands are the destinies of thousands of the Negro generations; and to know that our present stand is the result of sound and substantial growth, makes one tremble at the wonderful increase God gives to our humble efforts. That most of the children in our school would be Catholics, and will bring a goodly percentage of their parents into the Church, if a priest were able to attend solely to this phase of the work, is a fact that practical experience demonstrates. But when there is but one priest at the Mission who must start out daily begging a quarter here and there to finance such a work, something must suffer.

"'The children's conversions alone would guarantee a future, but besides there is my adult class for converts held weekly, averaging fifteen. As soon as one class is baptized there is another waiting.

"'I need this year, for teachers' salaries alone for ten months the sum of $6,750.00; the Sisters at $25.00 each a month; the lay-teachers at $50.00 each a month.

"'I undertake this work trusting to God, and I know it will go. I do hope the Venerable Commission will see its way to help me meet this tremendous obligation. Tremendous, because of the few hundred poor Colored people I have to depend on for support. It looks almost rash at times to undertake such a big school without finances, but the generosity of the Venerable Commission in the past has enabled me to keep up this work. Two thousand dollars extra in the appropriation for this Mission this year would enable me to take care of one thousand children.

"'The wonderful possibilities of the local situation cannot but startle one, and make one wonder sometimes upon whom th responsibility of these souls will finally rest.

"'I know the Venerable Commission has its burdens and appeals from all over the country, but surely we have here at Norfolk one of the most unique situations, hundreds of souls—children of God—knocking at our doors, but refused admittance because we are too poor.'

"Alexandria—Fr. Jos. J. Kelly writes: 'The two Oblate Sisters are doing splendid work with the 36 school children in six grades. The teachers' efficiency is greatly handicapped by reason of their residence in Washington, D. C. They travel twenty miles each day to teach our school. If these sisters had a residence in Alexandria, they could do settlement work in the children's homes on Saturdays and after school hours, thereby growing acquainted with parents and guardians of the children. . . . We have to contend with prejudice and silent opposition, two great hindrances found in the Negro work, but we have confidence that He, Who began the work, will bring it to a successful issue. . . . The school floor will in a short time require renewing on account of dampness. A six inch concrete floor would be best, but it will cost approximately $2,000.00. . . . A mission for one week will be given here . . . with the view of bringing Divine Truth before the non-Catholic Negro of Alexandria. I hope it will result in making many a convert to our holy Faith.'

"'There is nothing I could add to strengthen our appeal. The facts related above speak for themselves, and speak loudly. I trust the Venerable Commission will have the means to help us in proportion to our needs. I am confident the Venerable Commission has the desire to do so."

ST. AUGUSTINE.

Amount appropriated	$5,000.00
Amount appropriated, special	1,000.00
	$6,000.00

Disbursements:

Jacksonville, Colored School	$700.00	
St. Augustine, Colored School	700.00	
Fernandina, Colored School	500.00	
Ybor City, Colored School	500.00	
Tampa, Colored School	500.00	
Key West, Colored School	500.00	
St. Pius' Church, Jacksonville	1,000.00	
Colored Parish, Fernandina	400.00	
St. Augustine Colored Church	200.00	
	$5,000.00	
Towards building Church for Colored people at Fernandina	1,000.00	
Total disbursements		$6,000.00

We quote the following from the report:

"The mission work among the Colored population of Florida is progressing slowly but surely. An evidence of its growth is the splendid Church and school exclusively for Colored Catholics recently completed in Jacksonville, which is a center of activity for the Colored work in that large city.

"The building of a Colored Church in Fernandina will be started soon and carried quickly to completion if enough funds can be secured. A Church for themselves, where the members will not be hampered by social restrictions, will give new life to the little congregation there and will result in bringing back to the fold many who have been away for years."

ST. LOUIS.

Amount appropriated		$1,700.00
Disbursements:		
St. Mary's, Mo.	$100.00	
St. Frances' Orphanage	650.00	
St. Elizabeth's Church	550.00	
St. Rita's Academy	250.00	
Mission at Anglum, Mo.	150.00	
	$1,700.00	
Total disbursements		$1,700.00

Most Reverend Archbishop Glennon writes that there has been in the past year a great revival of interest and successful work accomplished among our Colored people:

"I am told by the young men interested in the movement, chiefly Jesuit scholastics, and the many young people of the laity who have aided them, that the Colored people hereabouts are prepared to come almost 'en masse' into the Catholic Church. They are beginning to realize that it is the only true Church and the only one where they will find peace. Social and political agitations are gradually driving them to this conclusion. What is needed to meet the situation is more priests and teachers—school buildings and churches."

SAN ANTONIO.

Amount appropriated		$2,100.00
Amount appropriated, special		2,000.00
		$4,100.00
Disbursements:		
St. Peter Claver Parish and School	$584.00	
St. Catherine's School	186.00	
Holy Redeemer Parish and School	584.00	
Holy Ghost Academy and Novitiate	646.00	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School	150.00	
Uvalde School	125.00	
Sabinal School	75.00	
San Felipe School	100.00	
Our Lady of Guadalupe School	350.00	
Orphanage	200.00	
Mexican Community House	1,000.00	
	$4,000.00	
Total disbursements		$4,000.00

The following is taken from the report of Right Reverend Bishop Drossaerts:

"Again, like poor Lazarus of old, are we stretching out our arms and beg the Venerable Commission for its generous assistance for the coming year. Our Colored parishes are extremely poor; they are composed mostly of converts snatched from the Baptist and Methodist camps. Unless supported by your yearly allowance they would be doomed to extinction. Our Mexican schools are far from being self-supporting. Our Guadalupe school (to give but one instance) has an enrollment of 650 barefooted, ragged little children. This big school hardly brings in $30.00 a month for the salary of the teachers. Only through outside help can these schools be kept up.

"We may therefore count upon the continued support of your Commission also for next year. And in view of our immense numbers (this diocese counts 250,000 poor Mexicans within its jurisdiction), and in view of the pernicious propaganda of the sects to wean away our poor ignorant Mexicans from the Faith, may we not ask for an increased allowance *and see the four thousand dollars changed to at least six thousand dollars* so as to enable us to distribute $3,000.00 among each of the two races which claim our missionary zeal and efforts?"

SAVANNAH.

Amount appropriated		$6,000.00
Disbursements:		
St. Anthony's, Savannah	$734.33	
Expenses for Confreres	600.00	
Immaculate Conception, Augusta	1,250.00	
St. Benedict's and St. Mary's, Savannah	1,450.25	
Our Lady of Lourdes, Atlanta	1,200.00	
St. Peter Claver's, Macon	765.42	
Total disbursements		$6,000.00

The following observations are taken from the report submitted by Very Reverend Ignatius Lissner, Provincial of the Society of African Missions of Lyons:

"We have, in the past, emphasized the necessity of the school as the principal means of educating and converting the Negro. But there is not only the urgent need of more elementary schools, but also the need of more high schools and colleges. The difficulty of the hard times in the South have hampered our institutions in the progress of their work. Want of money to pay for high school teachers made it necessary to impose higher taxes on us to maintain

our standards. Where our priests have to teach, the administration of the parish has to suffer. If our pupils have to go from the lower grades of our Catholic schools to the higher sectarian schools where the influences are all antagonistic to their faith, it will require great strength of character to resist the pernicious atmosphere. It would be suicidal for religious superiors not to give attention to the great need of teachers for higher grades. Hampered by insufficient means we cannot go outside and engage lay teachers. We also need more vocations for missionary work among the Colored people. We have plenty of room now in our new Seminary. What we need is a generous contribution to support a larger number of students.

"We have Africa at our own doors with millions ready to come in. Hundreds of thousands of Colored people move from the South to our Northern States and the great problem of this country is moving fast from the Southern climate to the Northern cities of our country. All our missions have lost on account of this migration half of their converts, but the number of new Catholics in our school has not changed. Converts are coming in as before."

WILMINGTON.

Amount appropriated		$1,000.00
Disbursements:		
Rev. Justin McCarthy for school	$500.00	
Rev. Justin McCarthy for mission work	500.00	
	$1,000.00	
Total disbursements		$1,000.00

Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. Monaghan writes: "The good work for Colored orphan boys in St. Joseph's Home, Wilmington, Del., is kept up by the zealous efforts of the Rev. Justin McCarthy, S.S.J., and the untiring labors and self-sacrifice of the Sisters of St. Francis.

"The Industrial School at Clayton, Del., under the direction of Rev. John O'Connell, S.S.J., is making steady progress, and, besides the varied industrial training gives to the boys a good Catholic education.

"The Day School in Wilmington is attended by non-Catholic as well as Catholic children, who cannot fail to profit by the religious instructions of the devoted Sisters of St. Francis."

Dioceses or Vicariates Apostolic	Indian Pop'lation	Catholic Indians	Churches	Priests	Baptisms		Schools	Pupils	Sisterhoods	Religious
					Children	Adults				
Alaska	27,000	5,000	28				6		St. Ann; Ursulines	Society of Jesus
Baker City	2,900	620	1	1	27	22	1	117	Sisters of St. Francis	Society of Jesus
Bismarck							3		Benedictine Sisters	Benedictines
Boise	4,120	1,328	6	5	70	12	3	219	Charity; St. Joseph	Society of Jesus
Corpus Christi	100,000	60%	25	33	6,000		25	3,000	Carmelite Sisters; Mexican Sisters	Oblate Fathers; Franciscan Fathers
Crookston	7,000	3,487	5	5	132	38	2	272	Sisters of St. Benedict	Order of St. Benedict
Duluth	2,800	2,000	12	3						Benedictines and Oblates of Mary
El Paso										
Fargo	4,000	3,000	6	6	330	6	2	400	Grey Nuns	Order of St. Benedict
Grand Rapids	2,000	1,200	8	3	50	8	2	270	Notre Dame; Franciscans	Franciscans
Great Falls	8,400	4,410	14	2	192	79	6	745	Ursulines	Jesuits; St. Edmund; Benedictines
Guam, P. I.	14,090	13,700	12	8	680	2	12	1,000		Capuchin Order
Helena	5,764	5,612							Ursuline Nuns	Jesuits and Premonstratensians
Lead	40,000	7,000	65	16	400	125	4	1,425	Sisters of St. Francis	Jesuits; Benedictines; Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Los Angeles	15,000	6,000	17	7	142		3	405	Sisters of St. Joseph	Friars Minors; Society of Jesus
Marquette	1,260	1,090	4	2	48		2	76	Sisters of St. Agnes	Society of Jesus
Natchez										
Nueva Segovia, P. I.	380,000	8,500	14	3	121	86	8	376	Belgian Sisters	Belgian Missionaries
Ogdensburg			1	1						
Oklahoma	200,000	6,000	4	1	117	29	8	607	Benedictines; Mercy; Divine Providence; Franciscan Sisters	Benedictines
Oregon City	1,060	740	2	3	34	7	3	950		Order of St. Benedict
San Francisco										
Santa Fé	20,000	20,000	24	3	334		3	440	Bl. Sacrament; Loretto; St. Francis	Franciscans
Seattle	9,000	1,500	8	6	66	5	4	319	Franciscan Sisters	Redemptorists; Franciscans; Jesuits
Spokane	4,100	3,300	11		87	4	1	64		Society of Jesus
Superior		3,220	2	4	108	6	2	385	Sisters of St. Frances of Perpetual Adoration; Sisters of St. Frances of Mary Immaculate	Franciscans
Tucson	33,000	6,626	63	21	438	388	16	1,458	Sisters of St. Joseph; Blessed Sacrament; Immaculate Heart of Mary	Franciscans

Mission Work Among the Indians

ALASKA.

Amount appropriated	$3,000.00
Amuont appropriated, special	3,000.00
	$6,000.00

No itemized statement of disbursements given.

Right Reverend Bishop Crimont writes:

"The cost of keeping up our boarding schools is ever increasing. The bills for last year's supplies have not yet been paid in full, the deficit being between four and five thousand dollars. For the supplies ordered and shipped this summer, the bills now in the hands of the treasurer of the Alaska Missions amount to $20,000.00, with no funds in the bank. The condition is more serious because the Indian Department of Education has now ruled that the five salaries, heretofore paid to sisters teaching in native schools in northern Alaska, shall be discontinued from now on. We are at the mercy of the Commission, appreciating its great generosity in the past and trusting its continuance for the future.

"The untimely and tragic death of Father Ruppert, of Nome, is a terrible loss for our missions. Though in charge of the white parish in the Seward Peninsula, he was at the same time an indefatigable worker among the Eskimos, most devoted and efficient. He was blessed with rare gifts of zeal and charity and winning qualities. He was young and of wiry constitution that was promising a lengthy career of hard and fruitful labors. A devout client of the Little Flower, through the application of whose relic he obtained many a wonderful cure, we are almost scandalized that he was not preserved by his heavenly Protectress to a Mission so poor in apostolic workers. But God has His reasons, and the main thing for us to do, in bowing humbly and trustfully to His Holy Will, is to intensify our efforts and pray that another worthy apostle may soon come and take up good Father Ruppert's work."

BAKER CITY.

Amount appropriated	$1,500.00

Disbursements:

No itemized statement of disbursements given. St. Andrew's Mission and Klamath Reservation are mentioned as the beneficiaries of the allocation.

The following is taken from the report:

"Father Loeser of Klamath Falls is doing excellent work. Several prominent Indian families are Catholics and through their influence many of the Indians have been interested and some are being baptized. It is expected that there will soon be a Catholic parish among these Klamath Indians, who are of a very high type of Indian and make excellent Catholics."

BISMARCK.

Amount appropriated		$1,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		500.00
		$1,500.00
Disbursements:		
Schools in the Elbowoods Mission	$1,500.00	
Total disbursements		$1,500.00

Right Reverend Bishop Wehrle writes:

"The Sisters O. S. B., who for more than forty years have worked at Fort Yates as government employees, the greater number giving their services free, have finally found it strictly necessary to leave that government school, because no more teachers among them would be employed.

"At Elbowoods Father Paul has also found it necessary to give up on account of very poor health, and I have found it difficult to find another priest to replace him.

"Last year has been most trying for our farmers. If you possibly can, let us have $1,500 for our missions. There are two schools at Elbowood Reservation, one at Elbowoods, the other a day school, some 18 miles from there, conducted by two Benedictine Sisters. A day school at Fort Yates with more than 30 children has been started this fall in order to preserve at least some influence among the Indian children there. All these things require great financial sacrifices."

BOISE.

Amount appropriated		$1,500.00
Amount appropriated, special		1,000.00
		$2,500.00
Disbursements:		
St. Joseph's Boarding School	$1,500.00	
St. Joseph's Boarding School building	1,000.00	
Total disbursements		$2,500.00

The Right Reverend Bishop writes:

"A special appropriation for Slickpoo School building is of the greatest necessity. We are threatened that unless we build the government will close the school."

CORPUS CHRISTI.

Amount appropriated		$5,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		6,500.00
		$11,500.00
Disbursements:		
Beeville project	$11,500.00	
Total disbursements		$11,500.00

Right Reverend Bishop Ledvina writes:

"Another big Protestant institution is about to be erected on the Border by the Baptists—a $200,000 institution for Mexican-Catholic children. That will be the sixth big institution in my diocese. The pastor of the American (Catholic) Church at Lerado, on the Border, was here to see me a few days ago. He told me that at least 50% of the Mexican children educated in the big institutions in his city come out confirmed Protestants, and those graduates are children of the well-to-do Mexican Catholics. Sic!!!

"Oh, if I could only get ten or twelve good centers, such as the Beeville center, with equally enthusiastic and able men, started! The two Franciscan Fathers (American-born, of the Cincinnati Province), both conversant with the Spanish language, are fine types of missionaries, filled with zeal and devotion. I expect splendid results from their labors. We have a fine spirit among the clergy down here. National and other lines do not come into question. My clergy, no matter if seculars, regulars, Americans, Spanish, Mexican, German, French, or any other nationality work together in harmony. We are all like the soldiers in war facing the one common enemy; and we are trying to win the victory.

"I have hopes that this part of the country will develop. The land is proving good; and people are beginning to settle here form various parts of the country. The Mexican problem will, of course, be with us, just like the scriptural poor, always, in spite of any and all developments here. They are here in such great numbers. They will benefit, of course, in some degree, by the advancement of the country.

"The Protestants have been trying in every way to thwart the good work of the Franciscan Fathers at Beeville. They sent preachers to gather the renegades into their Protestant Mexican Churches, and to urge them to stay away from the Catholic Church and those Padres. They have been conducting services a number of times, since the Fathers came to Beeville. Before that the Protestants had gone to sleep at Beeville.

"My policy is to advertise as little as possible about our success. I often think that so much boasting of what success we have here and there, proves a boomerang, for the Protestants soon find it out, and then they redouble their efforts and then give us that much more difficulty. I believe in going about all this missionary work as quietly as possible."

CROOKSTON.

Amount appropriated		$2,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		500.00
		$2,500.00
Disbursements:		
Red Lake Mission	$2,500.00	
Total disbursements		$2,500.00

DULUTH.

Amount appropriated		$1,500.00
Amount appropriated, special		500.00
		$2,500.00
Disbursements:		

No itemized statement of disbursements given. All the Indian Churches are mentioned as beneficiaries of the appropriation.

Right Reverend Bishop McNicholas writes:

"Cass Lake is the Indian capital of the State of Minnesota. Many Indians live there. We are making arrangements for the Indian Missionary with an assistant to live at Cass Lake."

EL PASO.

Amount appropriated	$1,000.00

No report or application submitted.

FARGO.

Amount appropriated		$1,200.00
Disbursements:		
St. Michael's Church, Fort Totten	$1,200.00	
Total disbursements		$1,200.00

GRAND RAPIDS.

Amount appropriated		$900.00
Disbursements:		
Churches and schools attended from Harbor Springs.	$900.00	
Total disbursements		$900.00

The following observations are quoted from the report:

"The prospects of our Indians, who are all common laborers, are not bright. Most of them must go far away to obtain contract work. The wages are meagre. Although they leave for distant places to work they will always return to their Missions where they have their poor homes. There are always a good number of old Indians dependent on the laborers, who are not too provident.

"The school at Cross Village is dependent upon this annual allotment of the Commission.

"The school at Harbor Springs has ninety-five more children than required. About thirty applicants could not be considered because we have no room and are overcrowded. One-half of the buildings, some forty years old, ought to be replaced."

GREAT FALLS.

Amount appropriated		$1,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		250.00
		$1,250.00
Disbursements:		
St. Labre's Mission School	$1,000.00	
Rev. L. Taelman, S.J.	50.00	
Rev. L. Seethaler, O. S. B.	50.00	
Ursuline Nuns, St. Paul's	75.00	
Ursuline Nuns, St. Labre's	75.00	
	$1,250.00	
Total disbursements		$1,250.00

Right Reverend Bishop Lenihan writes:

"Two vigilant Missionary Fathers of St. Edmund, one brother of the same Order and a community of Ursuline nuns are doing excellent work in the isolated Mission of St. Labre which is located in the heart of the Little Rockies, 75 miles from the nearest railroad station, in the southeast part of Montana.

"The Fathers report very successful work amongst these Indians in Northern Cheyenne Reservation. A few years ago a three story concrete building was erected for the nuns and Indian girls, as a boarding school, at a cost of $32,500.00, to replace smaller frame building that was destroyed by fire.

"Another two story concrete building was erected, at a cost of $6,400.00, in place of an old frame building, that was shaken by every wind, and on which account was christened, by the Indians, the "haunted house." This new building which is used for a boys' school and dormitory was finished just before Christmas, and, needless to say, was very much appreciated by all the Indians, who realize the heavy expenses that have been made to better their condition both materially as well as spiritually.

"About six years ago these same Fathers of St. Edmund built a large and substantial church at Lame Deer which is the headquarters of the reservation and which is 40 miles from St. Labre's Mission. A group of Mennonite preachers built a large church in this same agency and a meeting house on their big ranch adjoining the Mission. These zealots, like the Baptist and Presbyterian missionaries, both male and female, try to entice the Catholic Indians with free lunches and free tobacco to attend their religious services, but have made very few perverts. It will be a sad day for the Catholic Indians when the government and the Catholic Indian Bureau cease to look after the welfare of Poor Lo.

"The Catholic Indians in Crow Reservation, which adjoins the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, are looked after by three energetic Jesuit missionaries who are assisted by several catechists and lay teachers.

"Two other faithful sons of Loyola, assisted by a community of Ursulines and half a dozen Indian catechists, are working amongst the GrosVentre and Assisibone Indians at St. Paul's Mission, which is located forty miles from the railroad, in Fort Belknap Reservation. A free boarding school for Catholic Indian boys and girls has been maintained at this Mission for the past forty years. As a result of this institution most of the Indians in this reservation are good, practical Catholics.

"A large, stone church is just completed at Lodge Pole and is attended by the Fathers of this Mission.

"A Catholic Indian Congress will be held at St. Paul's Mission August 23, 24 and 25, this year.

"A similar Congress was attended last year by 2,000 Catholic Indians at Oswego, in Fort Peck Reservation, which adjoins Fort Belknap Reservation in the northeast part of Montana.

"Most of the fifteen churches for Catholic Indians in this Diocese are located in the last two mentioned reservations. The Catholic Church Extension Society gave liberal donations towards the erection of many of these churches.

"Two zealous Benedictine Fathers and five Indian catechists, two of whom are converts from Presbyterianism, look after the welfare of the Catholic Assinaboines in Fort Peck Reservation, which is as large as the average Eastern State. Regular catechetical instructions are given to 52 Catholic Indian children who attend the Government school at Poplar, in the Catholic Church which is a short distance from the Government school.

"In my report, last year, I mentioned the crying need of a Catholic school at Wolf Point, which was formerly the sub-agency of Fort Peck Reservation. The Presbyterians have a large school here and are attracting some of our Catholic children. Reverend William Woods, an attache of the Catholic Indian Bureau, is collecting funds with slow success to build a school at Wolf Point for Catholic Indians.

"If priests and lay people would consider the many trials and hardships and strong opposition of some government officials, which our Indian missionaries had to endure for half a century, that they have been working for the civilizing and Christianizing of the aborigines in Montana, they would be more generous in their annual church collections for sustaining and improving our Catholic Indian Missions."

GUAM, ISLAND OF GUAM.

Amount appropriated		$2,000.00
Disbursements:		
All the Churches, especially the Church and Schools at Agana	$2,000.00	
Total disbursements		$2,000.00

Right Reverend Bishop Olaiz writes:

"We experience too the consequences of the struggle in America against parochial schools. As a matter of fact six Franciscan Sisters arrived at Manila, P. I., last October. In January there was an available ship, but, on account of certain conditions exacted by the governor, they were not allowed to sail on it. I complained to the governor and, after having discussed the case, he empowered me to settle the matter. I then went to Manila and made arrangements for the sisters to sail on the first available ship, which they say will be next October or November. Meanwhile I must support the sisters in the Philippines."

HELENA.

Amount appropriated		$1,800.00
Amount appropriated, special		3,500.00
Disbursements:		
Polson	$500.00	
St. Michael's, Browning	300.00	
St. James', Plains	200.00	
Ronan	200.00	
Choteau	300.00	
Valier	100.00	
Cutbank	200.00	
	$1,800.00	
Special, Ursulines, St. Ignatius	3,500.00	
	$5,300.00	
Total disbursements		$5,300.00

From Rt. Rev. Bishop Carroll's report:

"There is a large proportion of Indians and breeds with the whites in these parishes, and of course the Indians contribute nothing to the support of the parish. And the whites in these sections are not yet able to do much. Most of our ranchers are deeply in debt owing to the drought of the past few years. Though conditions generally are looking better now, it will take some years under most favorable circumstances for the state, particularly in the farming regions, to get back to normalcy. Moreover; the government has refused to fulfill its promise, at least to the present time, to irrigate portions of the land on the Flathead. Many settlers came in on the strength of this inducement and have been disappointed. In fact, many have been ruined financially."

The Rt. Rev. Bishop also sends excerpts from letters of Rev. Father O'Malley and Mother M. Perpetua, Superioress of the Ursuline Convent, St. Ignatius Mission, Montana:

"Officials of the Agency have been active in promoting the Ku Klux Klan, and in taking subscriptions to anti-Catholic literature.

These same men have tried to prejudice the Indian parents against the mission school at St. Ignatius, Montana. By officials I mean the members of the Superintendent's staff."

"And now, Right Reverend and dear Bishop, comes the same old cry of distress for financial help to meet our interest and also a part payment on the mortgage due in January. Had we not been obliged to provide so many necessaries in the line of furnishings, etc., there is not the least doubt but that we could have met the above mentioned demands, even within a short time. But, in spite of all our efforts to economize, it seems utterly impossible to make any headway to lay aside even a few dollars each month. At times one is terribly tempted to become discouraged in this terrible struggle to make ends meet. May I dare hope that we may expect help from the Board of Indian Missions, as was received last year? Could I count on their generosity, the burden would become lighter at once.

LEAD.

Amount appropriated $3,500.00
Amount appropriated, special..... 500.00

Disbursements:

No itemized statement of disbursements submitted in the report. The Jesuit Fathers, Benedictine Fathers, Sacred Heart Fathers and Fathers Vigneron, Casey, Keller, McGonigal, Vogel and Golden of the Diocesan Clergy are mentioned as the beneficiaries of the appropriation.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Lawler writes:

"I shall need at least $3,500.00 for the ordinary work of my Indian Missions. A larger sum could be used to good advantage if it were possible to secure it. More catechists should be employed but that would mean an additional financial burden. I shall need at least one thousand dollars for the development and maintenance of the Missions of the Lower Brule Reservation and of the Cheyenne River Reservation.

"I have just been informed by one of the Missionaries that the serious damage recently done to both churches on the Lower Brule by a tornado must be repaired at considerable expense."

LOS ANGELES.

Amount appropriated $2,000.00

Disbursements:

No itemized statement of disbursements submitted. The priests engaged in the Indian Mission Work are mentioned as the beneficiaries of the appropriation.

The following is taken from the report:

"There is still necessary the same loyal, generous financial assistance from the Commission as has been characteristic of it in the past.

"In addition to caring for the Indians, the diocese has also erected at a cost of $25,000 a combination hall and chapel for the negroes of Los Angeles, and a chaplain, Rev. William J. Mullane, has been appointed for them. There are about 800 Catholic Negroes in this city, and Father Mullane has been doing splendid work among them. It is only a question of a short time until they have their own parish, and any assistance given this project would be appreciated."

MARQUETTE.

Amount appropriated		$1,400.00
Amount appropriated, special		500.00
		$1,900.00
Disbursements:		
Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	$250.00	
Chaplain, Chippewa Indian Orphanage	250.00	
Chippewa Indian Orphanage	900.00	
	$1,400.00	
Special for Orphanage	500.00	
	$1,900.00	
Total disbursements		$1,900.00

Right Reverend Nussbaum writes:

"I beg the Commission for the Catholic Indian Missions to grant a special allotment of forty-two hundred dollars ($4,200.00) to make the necessary improvements in the Chippewa Indian Orphanage at Assinins, Michigan. I also pray that the regular allotment be made for 1924."

NUEVA SEGOVIA, P. I.

Amount appropriated		$5,000.00
Amount appropriated, special		3,000.00
		$8,000.00
Disbursements:		
Bontoc Mission—Schools, Boarding Schools, Dormitories, Catechists, Free Dispensary	$8,000.00	
Total disbursements		$8,000.00

The following is a letter from Rev. Father de Brouwer:

"I am in receipt of your welcome letter of December 29 with enclosed $5,000.00 check, for which my sincere thanks to the Board. Without this substantial gift I really would not have known how to meet even the most crying needs of this extensive mission. May God bless you and all the good benefactors who made this gift possible. I thank you too, dear Father, for your kind words. They made the gift doubly welcome.

"On my return from a year's leave in Europe I was put in charge of the Bontok Mission in the absence of Father Billiet, who last December left for Europe for a badly needed vacation. I hope he may be able by the end of this year to return to his mission by way of the States.

"The more I get acquainted with this mission field, the more I wonder at the enormous work done here since fifteen years, notwithstanding many adversities, by my zealous antecessors, Fr. Jurgens, the founder of this mission, and Fr. Billiet, his successor. Their work has to be kept up, and so much too remains still to be done. One of the most urgent needs it seems to me is that of more catechists. We have some now in some outlying stations, but many more remain without, for lack of funds. With more good catechists the influence of our work could be doubled and trebled. *Periculum in mora.* Many of those heathens are falling under other influences adverse to our holy faith.

"I trust in Providence and American charity, for Europe cannot help us much just now with its low valuta and the Filipino peso above par.

"I hope before long our Superior will be able to send one or two Fathers with residence in the district to which this special allocation is destined. As it is now, we from the Bontok central mission are in charge of it. It is an impossible situation. Much too extensive. Part of that region is still on the map as unsurveyed. I went to visit several places there last month. One of our chapels, not built out of a large purse for sure, had been blown down. I am planning a more extensive trip immediately after Easter. It will take me a month at least.

"May God bless you and the members of the Board and the benefactors who help us to extend the Kingdom of God amongst these poor heathens."

OGDENSBURG.

Amount appropriated, for 1922 and 1923		$200.00
Disbursements:		
Canon Bourget, St. Regis' Mission, P. Q.	$200.00	
Total disbursements		$200.00

OKLAHOMA.

No appropriation in 1923, as no application was submitted.

Rev. J. F. McGuire, Chancellor, writes:

"Rt. Rev. Bishop Kelly proposes to undertake an energetic and sustained effort in favor of the Indian Missions of Oklahoma. He has already appointed a Vicar for Mission work, whose whole time will be employed in missionary organization and maintenance."

OREGON CITY.

Amount appropriated		$1,000.00
Disbursements:		
Grand Ronde	$300.00	
Siletz	300.00	
Chemawa	400.00	
Total disbursements		$1,000.00

Rev. J. B. Black writes with the approval of Most Reverend Archbishop Christie:

"The Indians are slowly decreasing within the diocese except at the Chemawa School. It is increasing from year to year. The Benedictine Fathers are doing splendid work with the Indian children there. They are at a financial loss in this work but so far they have not complained. There is the best of relations between them and the officials of the school."

SANTA FE.

Amount appropriated		$1,500.00
Disbursements:		
The Zuni Mission	$700.00	
Towards start of Shiprock Mission	800.00	
Total disbursements		$1,500.00

The following observations are taken from the report:

"The Zuni situation is saved, as the Sisters School is in operation and is doing nicely, although there are debts to be paid. And now we are starting to do something for the Navajo Indians who live in and around Shiprock, in the northwestern corner of New Mexico. It will be a tough proposition, but Father Marcellus, O.F.M., who has worked for years in Arizona, is now to make a start at Shiprock. We will need more help for both Zuni and Shiprock."

SEATTLE.

Amount appropriated		$5,000.00
Disbursements:		
St. George's Indian School	$2,640.00	
Redemptorist Fathers	320.00	
Jesuit Fathers	320.00	
Franciscan Fathers	300.00	
Rev. M. Murtaugh	100.00	
Rev. P. O'Donnell	320.00	
Rev. F. Hoen	300.00	
Rev. Joseph Schmidt	300.00	
Rev. Hugh Lynch	200.00	
Rev. W. Fitzgerald	200.00	
Total disbursements		$5,000.00

Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Dea writes as follows:

"In my report to your Commission for the year 1923, I was compelled to call your attention to the great need of an allocation of five thousand dollars for the support of St. George's Indian School and for the priests engaged in missionary work among the Indians. This amount you graciously granted, and I trust you will allow me the same amount this year for the urgent reasons mentioned in my previous reports. The continuation of the school depends upon it. If I had the means, the number of Indian children in attendance could be greatly increased.

"The priests in charge of the Indians are unanimous in bewailing the spiritual havoc wrought among them by the sect commonly called Shakers. The Indians, as a rule, however, when seriously ill, ask for the priests and receive the Last Sacraments.

"Aside from the grace of God, the only remedy for this evil is to have one or more priests live continuously among them and keep them away from the attractive influence of the sect. I shall try again this year to obtain such a missionary from one or the other of the religious Orders."

SPOKANE.

Amount appropriated, 1922	$2,000.00
Amounted appropriated, 1923	2,000.00
Amount appropriated, special	500.00
	$4,500.00

Disbursements:

No itemized statement submitted.

Rev. Father C. Caldi, Omak, Wash., writes with the approval of Rt. Rev. Bishop Schinner:

"The crucial point of the Indian problem is education. A thorough Catholic education alone can make them useful members of human society; otherwise they are soon lost. The temptations they meet and the examples they witness in nearby towns and cities are too strong for the present-day Indian with his natural moral weakness.

"At St. Mary's Mission we have the teachers and the pupils, and we may be able to get along without some things, but we must have a class room building. Our Indians are doing well, and gradually learn that the line of least resistance is not to be most desired.

"Besides teaching in our school the lady missionaries go out into the Indian villages and homes, and prove themselves very successful catechists."

SUPERIOR.

Amount appropriated	$1,500.00
Amount appropriated, special	2,000.00
	$3,500.00

Disbursements:

No itemized statement of disbursements submitted. Rev. Philip Gordon, Rev. Joseph Seeboth, Rev. H. G. Shaney, Odanah School and Red Cliff School are mentioned as the beneficiaries of the appropriation.

Right Rev. Bishop Pinten writes:

"May I ask you kindly to favor us with the same amount this year which you generously allotted to us last year—$1,500.00—with an additional sum of $2,000.00 to enable us to complete the new church at Reserve.

"Father Philip Gordon no longer is stationed there and the building which he began is incompleted for lack of funds. To my sorrow there is some debt on the building but this we hope to take care of ourselves. However the church being incomplete, without even windows, I beg you most earnestly if it be within your power to give us the additional amount for Reserve so that we may be able to hold Mass there this winter. The way the church stands now Mass cannot be said therein during the winter months."

TUCSON.

Amount appropriated	$1,000.00
Amount appropriated, special	3,500.00
	$4,500.00

Disbursements:

Fr. Bonaventure (Papago)	$100.00
Fr. Stephen (Papago)	100.00
Fr. Raphael (Papago)	100.00
Fr. Francis (Papago)	100.00
Fr. Marcellus (Navajo)	100.00
Fr. Berard (Navajo)	100.00
Fr. Leopold (Navajo)	100.00
Fr. Gerard (Apache)	100.00
Fr. Augustine (Apache)	100.00
Fr. Antonine (Pima)	100.00
St. John's Mission (Pima)	1,000.00
St. John's Mission	25.00
St. John's Mission	50.00
Fr. Augustine (Apache)	65.35
Fr. Bonaventure (Papago)	65.35
Fr. Stephen (Papago)	65.35
Fr. Raphael (Papago)	65.35
Fr. Gerard (Apache)	65.35
Fr. Antonine (Pima)	65.35

Fr. Arnold (Pima)	65.35	
Fr. Sylvester (Santa Cruz)	65.50	
Fr. Fintan (St. Michael's) (Navajo)	65.35	
Fr. Manuel (Chine Lee) (Navajo)	65.35	
Fr. Berard (Lukachukai)	65.35	
Sisters of the Immaculate Heart, engaged in Mexican work	500.00	
Very Rev. P. Timmermans, Mexican work	1,000.00	
	$4,294.00	
Total disbursements		$4,294.00
On hand for St. José School, Tucson		$206.00

Right Reverend Bishop Gercke writes:

"St. John's Indian School, for lack of funds, has had to dismiss one hundred and sixty children. These are mostly taken by Protestants."